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Attention: Victor J. Izzo, Senior Engineering Geologist

I am writing in response to a letter I received, dated March 4, 2009 referring to a "Draft cleanup and abatement order, Central, Cherry Hill, Empire, Manzanita, and West End Mines, Colusa County."

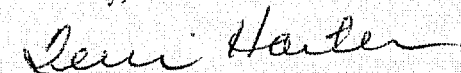
I am confused as to why I was contacted concerning the past mining activity in the Wilbur Springs area over a century ago. I am the sole owner of Terhel Farms, Inc. stock and after years of liquidation of their assets the value of the stock is near zero. My only source of income is a small rice farming business, where I rent ground and have my son do the custom work. I also work part-time in his office for a small salary.

I do remember my parents, Terrill and Helen Sartain raising cattle in the 1950's and 1960's and hauling them to Wilbur Springs for winter grazing. I do not remember any kind of mining being done in that area. I was born in 1952 and by my teenage years my parents had stopped all cattle ranching.

My mother passed away August 1, 1983 and shortly after her death we sold the entire hill range to Bonneville Industries, Inc. Since her death, my husband Robert and I have faced a barrage of litigation of which drained Terhel Farms, Inc. of any major assets. My husband and I continued farming as Harter Land Com. Inc. until his death November 23, 2007.

I have no resources to even consider paying for any cleanup of left over mining residue done a century ago.

Sincerely,



Terri Harter